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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hisashi Yamagishi, et al.

Application No.: 08/898,853

Group Art Unit: 3711

Filed: July 25, 1997

Examiner: G. Marlo

For: MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

**ATTN: BOX AF**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 1999 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Claims currently pending in the application.**

*OK copy of claim 1*

1. A multi-piece solid golf ball having a structure of at least four layers, said golf ball comprising a core having a structure consisting of at least two layers and a cover enclosing the core and consisting of inner and outer cover layers, said outer cover layer having a hardness of 40 to 60 degrees on Shore D, and said inner cover layer having a hardness of up to 53 degrees on Shore D and lower than that of said outer cover layer.

2. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein said inner cover layer is softer than said outer cover layer by a hardness difference of at least 5 degrees on Shore D.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	19	-	12	=		X	\$18.00	= \$0.00
Independent	4	-	3	=	1	X	\$78.00	= \$78.00
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>= \$78.00</b>

A check for the statutory fee of \$78.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this Letter is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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